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## CAMBODIA & AMERIKAN IMPERIALISM

United States foreign policy has had a deadly consistency for over three-quarters of a century. That policy has been based on the ruling elite's single imperative: maintenance and expansion of politically controlled foreign sources of raw materials. These sources HAVE NOT been obtained by free trade at their market prices, but rather by political manipulations and state trade at depressed prices. The power of Amerika's ruling elite increasingly depends on these "strategic" materials; for example, minute amounts of foreign manganese are essential for the entire domestic steel industry.

We must turn back at least a century for the roots of US imperialism. Of course, earlier eras had their imperialism: the conquest of this continent under the rhetoric of "manifest destiny". Nevertheless, it was the successful reconquest of the Confederacy by Yankee imperialism which brought about the prime base of modern US aggressiveness: the triumph of Northern, war-based state-capitalism. This oligopolistic economic system obtained final control starting in the 1890's with the "progressive" regulatory agencies--bureaucracies designed to maintain state created cartels leading to the ultimate destruction of the free market and competition.

The public justification for US transgressions has always centered around an international threat-of-the-moment (yellow peril, Red menace etc) to Amerikan "national interests"--always the protection of investments.

Thus the conquest of Cuba and the bloody suppression of the Philippines; thus the headlong rush into the imperialist abyss of World War One; thus the Latin American interventions; thus FDR's manipulations of World War Two with his dream of Amerikan/Soviet hegemony; thus Korea, world-wide military bases, the continuing European "presence".

And the southeast Asian conflict. This 25 year old affair is central to recent US imperialism. Amerika has been the major protagonist from the start: the United States allowed the return of the French colonialists after the Second World War--after the inauguration of an independent, nationalist regime. Amerika financed the attempted reconquest of all Indo-china by the French, then it underwrote fascist regimes in Saigon. Financial aid was not enough to maintain military dictatorships during a popular revolt: the United States intervened with hundreds of thousands of conscripted troops and the most destructive weapons on earth (except--so far--the Bomb). Still unsuccessful, the Americans initiated a war of aggression against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and began a massive bombardment which even overshadowed its war crimes in World War Two.

After decades of silence, many Americans began to actively oppose US imperialism--the liberal consensus was broken. The victories of the Vietnamese in the field and the growth of the peace movement here forced the US to stop the bombing of the DRV and pledge to seek peace. The madmen who control the Amerikan Empire have not quite given up. In response to the morass of Vietnam they have increased their activities in the rest of southeast Asia, most recently invading Cambodia.

The Cambodian adventure is the high point of US imperialism thus far--expansion into an area NEVER controlled by US interests without the least pretence of an invitation by "legitimate" authorities. No attempt was made similar to the faked Gulf of Tonkin attack used by Johnson to aggress on the DRV. At last the monster has shown itself for what it is: the world's major criminal--the most powerful state; the most immoral state.

Ralph Fucetola III

MEMOIRS OF A WORKER

by John Brotschol

"Those college students at Kent State deserved to be shot"; "They should lock up all the college students and throw away the key"; "Peace demonstrations only kill American GI's"; "Better dead than Red"; and "If the North Vietnamese don't surrender in a week, we should blow 'em to bits!" No, these phrases are not YAF slogans, they come from the oppressed workers who will stand shoulder to shoulder with us in the revolution. I am employed at Bell Telephone and these are just a sampling of the opinions expressed to me during the recent eruptions on college campuses over the United States' invasion of Cambodia by our allies, the workers.

I followed the approach mapped out by the Progressive Labor Party, the connoisseurs of the proletariat which says, listen and relate national problems to the individual worker. I told them that the war is inflating the dollar and lowering their standard of living while their bosses are getting fat on their war profits. But all I got back from the workers was, "If we don't stop the commies in Vietnam, they'll be in Hawaii next" and "All you college kids are commies."

Then came the riot by blacks in Augusta, Georgia which left six people dead. I told the white workers that the black struggle wasn't against them but against the state capitalist system which exploits the entire working class for the benefit of the oppressive ruling class. Upon hearing this, a worker responded, "You nigger lover!" This all sounds comical but it's true and if the barricades go up today, the workers will be our main enemy. ALL POWER TO THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS?

P.S. I must point out that I did have some success in advocating libertarian principles with sports, specifically the Curt Flood battle against the slave reserve clause of baseball which binds a player to a team for life, so start reading the sport pages, people.

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THE ELECTION HOAX

by John Brotschol

Every year the percentage of voters going to the polls decreases despite the massive efforts of the Democratic and Republican parties to "get out the vote." This development is indeed encouraging for it signals that a growing number of Americans are seeing the elections for the sham they are. Every autumn, the political hacks pollute our environment with their ugly billboards, posters, leaflets and hot air declaring the candidate is for mom, apple pie and honest government. But when elected, the citizenry receives only war, crime and higher taxes from an official lining his pockets with their money.

However, as libertarians opposed to the existence of any government which forces people to support and die for it without their individual consent, our efforts must be intensified. We must urge more people, especially the young, hoping to stop the Indochina War that the "system" is not the way because liberal and conservative hacks go to bed together. We must encourage more people to withdraw their sanction from the United States government by not casting their ballots and couple this with demonstrations and acts of civil disobedience: in this way we might begin to realize our dream of a non-coercive society in which man will be truly free.

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"MARAJUANA: THE KILLER WEED"\*-FOR WHOM?

by Bill Chaisson

The Nixon administration has singled out Marajuana in its drive to restrict "drug" use among the young. More effort and propaganda is being leveled against grass than against Heroin and other opiated drugs. The point might be made that the government sees a link between the use of pot and the eventual use of "smack" (Heroin); that the former leads to the latter. Even Spiro Agnew would find it hard to accept this postulate--considering the wisdom he's gained from his daughter. Statistics show that only 4% of all regular Marajuana users ever even try "hard" drugs, a fact that must be available to government officials. Then why the paranoia over grass?

Perhaps it's because the ever-widening use of pot is a phenomenon of socially conscious and educated youth. It has become a part of what is referred to as a Cultural Revolution among the young: accepted and fiercely defended. Not so with Heroin: smack users have always been social outcasts and that hasn't changed. Despite scare headlines, their numbers have not markedly increased. Proportionally, in fact, Heroin use has remained constant since the statistics were first compiled in the late 1800's.

In addition, Heroin addicts have traditionally come from the impoverished and uneducated citizenry; hardly a political threat to the state. Marajuana users, while present in all segments of society are more than likely to have a middle class background and it has been the middle class which has most firmly supported the modern state apparatus--i.e., Nixon's "silent majority."

What must be particularly frightening to Establishment politicians like Nixon, is the increased alienation of the middle class young from structured political involvement. This might be due in part to the increased use of Marajuana. There seems to be a strong

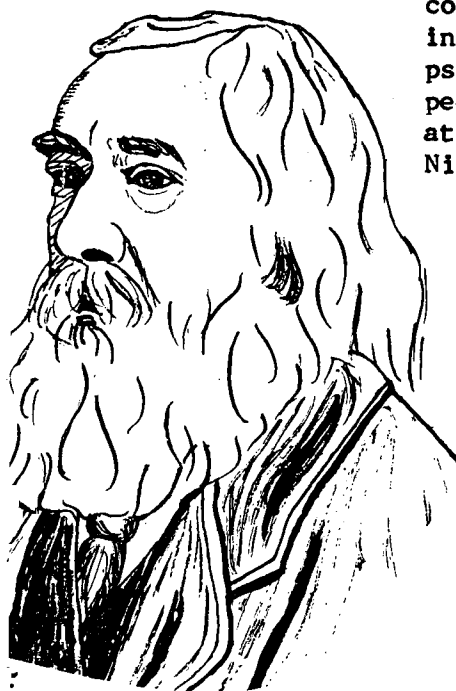
correlation between the increasing use of grass and the decreasing interest of youth in Power Politics; a point noted by some psychologists. If this is indeed true--if grass stimulates people towards non-aggressive behavior and an anti-politics attitude, then it is the Cultural Revolution that worries Nixon/Agnew, not drug addiction.

\*from a 1930's anti-drug poster

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Gabriel Kolko in The Roots of American Foreign Policy:

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